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SUBJECT: MOERSCH SPEECH AT DEDICATION OF GERMAN SCHOOL

1. MINISTER OF STATE KARL MOERSCH REPRESENTED FRG GOVERNMENT AT DEDICATION OF NEW GERMAN SCHOOL IN WASHINGTON MAY 10.

2. FOLLOWING REMARKS ON EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES OF NEW SCHOOL, MOERSCH USED OPPORTUNITY TO REEMPHASIZE CLOSENESS OF US-FRG TIES. MOERSCH STATED THAT PRESENCE OF US IN EUROPE CONTINUED TO BE BASIS OF WESTERN SECURITY. HE EXPRESSED UNDERSTANDING FOR CURRENT US REAPPRAISAL OF ITS GLOBAL COMMITMENTS. STATED GERMAN AGREEMENT WITH US THAT TERMINATION OF COMMITMENT IN VIET NAM AFFORDS AN OPPORTUNITY TO LOOK AHEAD AND FOCUS ON JOINT FUTURE TASKS. PARTICULARLY AGREED THAT HIGHEST PRIORITY SHOULD BE ACCORDED TO ATLANTIC ALLIANCE AND EXPRESSION OF THE QUOTE COMMUNITY BETWEEN EUROPE AND AMERICA UNQUOTE.

3. MOERSCH EMPHATICALLY STATED THAT US QUOTE WILLINGNESS TO REMAIN IN EUROPE AT THE SAME LEVEL OF STRENGTH AND IN THE PRESENT FORM COINCIDES WITH A LIKE READINESS OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND, I BELIEVE, OF ALL WEST EUROPEAN
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GOVERNMENTS TO CONTINUE TO MAKE A SUBSTANTIVE CONTRIBUTION

OF THEIR OWN TO DEFENSE AND TO FURTHER ENHANCE IT. UNQUOTE.

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